

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

VIVIAN BERT, et al.,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	CASE NO. C-1-02-467
)	Judge Beckwith
AK STEEL CORPORATION,)	Magistrate Judge Hogan
)	
Defendant.)	

**PLAINTIFFS' REPORT REGARDING BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS FOR RONALD
SLOAN, MARY HARRIS, AND THADDEUS FREEMAN**

The Plaintiffs, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully report pursuant to this Court's Order entered September 20, 2007 (Doc. 126). The Court has ordered plaintiffs to file a report concerning (1) the status of the bankruptcy proceedings for each of the three plaintiffs, and (2) an update concerning the intent of each Trustee to pursue the Plaintiffs' claims in this case on behalf of each Plaintiff's creditors. The Plaintiffs report as follows:

Ronald Sloan

In re: Ronald E. Sloan and Tricia S. Sloan
Bankruptcy Petition No. 3:03-bk-34374
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Dayton)
Trustee: Paul Spaeth
130 West Second Street
Suite 450
Dayton, OH 45402
(937) 223-1655

The Trustee's Motion to Reopen Case (doc. 13) and Motion to Withdraw Report of No Distribution (Doc. 14) were filed on April 25, 2007. The Objection of AK Steel Corporation to the

Motion to Reopen Case (Doc. 15) and Objection of AK Steel Corporation to Motion to Withdraw Report of No Distribution (Doc. 15) were filed on May 15, 2007 (Doc. 15). The Trustee's Reply in support of Motion to Reopen Case (Doc. 16) and Reply in support of Motion to Withdraw Report of No Distribution (Doc. 16) were filed on May 18, 2007.

A hearing was held on the motions on August 28, 2007 before Judge Lawrence S. Walter. The motions are currently pending before the Court.

If the Court allows the Sloan bankruptcy to be reopened, the Trustee intends to have plaintiffs' counsel litigate Mr. Sloan's claim in the instant case on behalf of the bankruptcy estate.

Thaddeus Freeman

In Re: Thaddeus Roland Freeman and Alfreda Janell Freeman
Bankruptcy Petition No. 3:03-bk-36704
U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Ohio (Dayton)
Trustee: Donald F. Harker
One First National Plaza
Suite 2103
130 W Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402-1503

The Trustee's Motion to Reopen Chapter 7 Proceeding was filed on June 20, 2007 (Doc. 15). Objection thereto was filed by AK Steel Corporation on July 9, 2007 (Doc. 16). A hearing before Judge Lawrence S. Walter was set for September 15, 2007 but was canceled and rescheduled to October 25, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. before Judge Walter. If the Court allows the Freeman bankruptcy to be reopened, the Trustee has informed plaintiffs' counsel that he intends to have plaintiffs' counsel litigate Mr. Freeman's claim in the instant case on behalf of the bankruptcy estate.

Mary Harris

In Re: Mary L. Harris and Frederick Harris
Bankruptcy Petition No. 1:03-bk-10171
U.S. Bankruptcy Court southern District of Ohio (Cincinnati)
Trustee: Richard D. Nelson
250 East Fifth Street
Suite 1200
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 333-5255

The Court ordered the above-referenced bankruptcy case filed by Mary and Frederick Harris to be reopened by Order dated June 6, 2007. On June 8, 2007, the Court ordered that the Report of No Distribution filed March 24, 2003 in the above-referenced bankruptcy case to be stricken from the records of the Court. The Trustee has engaged the undersigned attorneys to represent the bankruptcy estate in litigating Ms. Harris' claims in the instant case. The Trustee has presented plaintiffs' counsel with an Affidavit of Disinterest to affirm that the attorneys in this case and their law firm have no connections with the Debtors, the chapter 7 Trustee or anyone else involved in Ms. Harris' bankruptcy case. Once that affidavit is completed and approved by the Trustee, the Plaintiffs will file a motion in the bankruptcy court to approve the hiring of the undersigned attorneys to litigate on behalf of Ms. Harris' bankruptcy estate. When the bankruptcy court has adopted that motion, the Plaintiffs will file a motion to intervene on behalf of the Trustee of Ms. Harris' bankruptcy estate in the instant case.

Respectfully submitted,

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